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EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIPS.

- M.Sc. Economics, University of Wales, UK. (1981)
- B.A. (Honours), English Literature from Miranda House, University of Delhi (1964).
- Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Nantes, France-2012. (Director's Guest)
- Senior Visiting Fellow Shiv Nadar University until 2016.

PROFILE IN BRIEF

Shailaja Chandra has been a career civil servant for almost 40 years having held assignments in the Central Government in the Ministries of Defence, Power and Health. At the state level, Ms. Chandra was posted in Manipur, Goa and the Union Territories of Delhi and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Ms Chandra has spent over 15 years within the Health sector and was Secretary AYUSH in the Government of India and later distinguished herself as Delhi's only woman Chief Secretary.

Since retirement Ms Chandra has held assignments in the Government but also in the NGO and private sector. She is a prolific writer and is regularly invited as a policy analyst on National TV particularly on programmes related to Governance, population, health, women's issues, traditional medicine and Delhi.

CURRENT ASSIGNMENTS

- She is functioning as a member of a two person Committee set up by the National Green Tribunal on the Rejuvenation of the Yamuna and abatement of pollution in the river. (July 2018 onwards.)
- She is currently President of THSTI-Translational Health Science and Technology Institute an autonomous Institute of the Department of Biotechnology.(From August 2018.)
- Member of the Independent Commission on Health.(From 2017.)
- Chairman of the Governing Board of CHETNA engaged in in furthering projects for health, nutrition, education, and communication of women and children.(From August 2019.)

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

- International Clean Cities Award on behalf of the Government of Delhi for converting the largest fleet of public transport vehicles to CNG.
- Under her stewardship as Chief Secretary Delhi the Government's programme Bhagidari- a Citizen-Government Partnership- received the United Nations prize for transparency, accountability and responsiveness in public service.
- Best E-Health Award for successfully creating an interactive platform to view the spatial distribution of Health facilities in all districts in India using Census data superimposed on GIS maps.
- Special Award for Advocacy on Population Issues to Shailaja Chandra given by UNFPA –Laadli for creating public awareness about inter- linkages between social development, gender and population issues.
- Excellence and Achievement Award in Public Administration given to Shailaja Chandra by the Miranda House Alumnae Association

PAST CHAIRMANSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP OF INSTITUTIONS AND COMMITTEES.

- Committee for the Evolution of the National Education Policy (2016),
- Member of the Governing Body of the National Institute of Health & Family Welfare, GOI. (3 years)
- The first Executive Director of the National Population Stabilisation Fund Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.(3 years)
- Chairman of the Public Grievances Commission for Delhi.(2 years)
- Chairman of the Delhi Public Library Board under the Ministry of Culture.(6 Years)
- Chairman of two Delhi University maintained colleges. (4 years)

SELECTED PUBLISHED WORKS

- **Probity in Public Life -a dissertation published by the Institute of Advanced Studies, Nantes, France, pursuant to a fellowship awarded at the Institute.**
- **It Crossed My Mind (New Delhi: Rupa Publications, 2007.)** The book was selected by the National Library at Kolkata for being placed in over 400 district libraries throughout the country.
- Researched article on **Measuring the Progress of Societies published by the Organization for Economic Co-operation & Development (OECD),Paris.**

<http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/12/45/38706000.pdf>

- Published a 3 Volume report as a Review of the Delhi School Education Act and Rules with the Enactment of the Right to Education Act 2010. (2011 - 2012). <http://delhieducationactreviewreport.blogspot.com>

- Book Chapter titled **Traditional Medicine in Asia published by the World Health Organisation (WHO)**

http://203.90.70.117/PDS_DOCS/B0104.pdf

- **Wrote two Report on the Status of Indian Systems of Medicine & Folk Healing in India published in 2011 and 2013.** Commissioned by Ministry of Health through a Government Grant.

<http://reporttraditionalindianmedicine.blogspot.in/>

- Book Chapter in Demographic Challenges in India: Athena Publishers. Title of Chapter **“Have Population Policies been fair to Women?”**

<http://athenaacademic.com/product/demographic-challenges-in-india/>

- Published the first comprehensive Book-Report on Unqualified Medical Practitioners in India- the Legal, Medical & Social Determinants of their Practice in fulfillment of a Fellowship given by the Shiv Nadar University (2015-16)

<http://snu.edu.in/pdf/UMP-BOOK.pdf>

- **Published a Special Article in Economic & Political Weekly on the the Illegal but Indispensable Role of Unqualified Medical Practitioners in Primary Healthcare.**

Special Article Vol. 54, Issue No. 5, 02 Feb, 2019.

<https://www.epw.in/journal/2019/5/special-articles/unqualified-medical-practitioners.html>

- **Ayurvedic Research for Direct Public Benefit**

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6470298/>,

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6470298/>, Chandra S. Ayurvedic research for direct public benefit.

- **Ayurvedic Research, Wellness and Consumer Rights**

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0975947616300742>

- **Allopathic, AYUSH and informal medical practitioners in rural India-A prescription for change**

<https://www.semanticscholar.org/paper/Allopathic%2C-AYUSH-and-informal-medical-in-rural-for-Chandra-Patwardhan/5dd3577c52d6b71bde3bbdc5b5db8f0ab5df33ce>

Ms Chandra is a regular OPED writer and has published over 200 OPEDs on governance, medical practice and malpractice, population, gender and Delhi matters for leading national dailies. She is regularly consulted by the media as a public policy analyst on subjects related to governance, health and women's issues. Her articles can be seen on her website

over2shailaja.wordpress.com

NOTABLE SPEAKING EVENTS.

- Ms Chandra has been invited by several International and National level organizations to speak mainly on experiences of participatory governance, population issues, gender and women's progress. Notable among these are invitations to speak at OECD's World Forums and Regional Forums at Paris, Busan, Kyoto, Tokyo and Mexico on Measuring the Progress of Societies. 2007, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2015.
- Invited by the Speaker of the Lok Sabha to address Women Legislators from Indian States at Central Hall of Parliament in December 2015.
- Addressed course participants of the National Defence College on Gender issues. The participants were senior officers of the Defence services and international participants from more than 20 countries. Speaker in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016
- Invited by PRS Legislative Affairs twice to address the Annual lecture on "Parliament and the Executive". Also addressed LAMP fellows who are trained for functioning as assistants to Members of Parliament. (2016 and 2018)
- Requested by the Naval Training Integrated Headquarters of Ministry of Defence (Navy) to give a lecture on 'Women's Empowerment' to the spouses of Flag Officers who administer women's issues at different naval stations. (2015 and 2017.)
- On World Population Day was a speaker at the Institute of Economic Growth in 2015, 2017 and 2019.
- Panelist at a Book Discussion organized by the Centre for Policy Research New Delhi on a recently published book 'Rethinking Public Institutions in India'.
- Organized 5 events in India International Centre where experts and people in direct authority were invited as panelists to speak on Medical Emergencies, Waste Disposal, Air Pollution, Higher Education and Women's Safety and Traffic & Commuting in 2018 and 2019. All opening addresses were by Ms Chandra and are available on the IIC Website.
- Invited to give Talk on Health Issues and Challenges at the SGPT University in Gurgaon (2019.)
- Interviewed in Public Podcast on Health Issues by Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy (2019)
- Key Speaker at an event in India International Centre on Critical Gaps in Healthcare. August 2019
- Indian Institute of Public Administration Delivered the fifth Rakesh Hooja Memorial Lecture on Challenges to Public Administration in Emerging India. December 2019.

